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Dear Parent or Child Care Partner:

You are invited to join the Department of Early Learning (DEL) in making changes to the rules governing Family Home Child Care. We will be re-writing the current rules to align them with the upcoming Quality Rating & Improvement System (QRIS), clarify language, and provide an environment that will help increase school readiness. We want to develop the best set of research-based rules possible and we value your input.

The Washington Legislature and Governor Gregoire created the Department of Early Learning in July 2006 with recognition that parents are a child's most important teacher and decision maker. With that in mind, we partner with parents and all other child care partners as we develop and change rules about licensed child care.

We will use negotiated rule-making to gather wide input on the new rules about licensed child care. On January 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> we will host two meetings where participants will design the negotiated rule-making process.

Session #1:

January 6, 2007; 10:30am - 4:00pm  
Columbia Basin College  
Administration Building; Room A-329  
2600 N. 20th Ave; Pasco, WA 99301

Session #2

January 20, 2007; 10:30am - 4:00pm  
Kent Regional Library  
212 Second Ave N.  
Kent, WA 98032

We value the input of parents and our child care partners and look forward to your input on January 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. After these two planning sessions, we will begin the rule-writing process. Our goal is to develop simple, clear, relevant, research-based rules that support families and prepare children for school.

Sincerely,

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